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1. THE LONG-AWAITED "REASSESSMENT OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER" REPORT WAS MADE PUBLIC MAR 15 IN OTTAWA, FREDERICTON, AND HALIFAX. THE REPORT RECOMMENDS FAVORABLY WITH REGARD TO THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER AND CALLS FOR FUNDING (CDOLS 33 MILLION) TO BE PROVIDED IN 1978 FOR A THREE-YEAR PROGRAM OF DESIGN AND ENGINEERING FOR A SINGLE-BASIN TIDAL POWER DEVELOPMENT IN CUMBERLAND BASIN. THIS SECOND PHASE STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS. ONLY WHEN IT IS COMPLETE WILL THE GOC AND THE GOVTS OF NB AND NS BE IN A POSITION TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

2. THE GOC IS READY TO COMMIT ITS HALF OF THE FINANCING OF THE PHASE 2 STUDY IMMEDIATELY. PREMIERS HATFIELD AND REGAN PLAN TO SEEK CDOL 8.25 MILLION COMMITMENTS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES WITHOUT DELAY.
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PROMPT ACTION ON FUNDING, HOWEVER, WILL NOT OF ITSELF GUARANTEE AN EQUALLY-PROMPT START ON THE PHASE 2 STUDY. BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL OVERSEE THE STUDY WILL BE THE MARITIME ENERGY CORPORATION, WHICH HAS NOT YET EVEN BEEN FORMED (HALIFAX 0029), LITTLE ACTION CAN BE EXPECTED UNTIL THE MARITIME PROVINCES GET TOGETHER AND DECIDE AMONG THEMSELVES ON THE MEC S

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LOCATION, STAFFING, ORGANIZATION, AND AUTHORITY.

3. ASSUMING THE PHASE 2 STUDY CAN BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS AND THAT IT IS FAVORABLE, AND ASSUMING FURTHER THAT FINANCING WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE NO MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS, A COMPLETION DATE OF 1990 IS BEING TALKED ABOUT. CAPABLE OF A PEAK POWER OUTPUT OF 1085 MW, THE COST OF THE PROPOSED TIDAL POWER DEVELOPMENT IS ESTIMATED ANYWHERE BETWEEN CDOLS 1.2 TO 3.1.

4. COPIES OF THE PHASE 1 REPORT, "REASSESSMENT OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER", WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPT AND TO EMBASSY OTTAWA AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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